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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA UNCTAD I V DELEGATION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 3, REF (A) , HERE IS OUR PRESENT INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) DELEGATION TO UNCTAD IV: (A) HEAD OF DELEGATION WILL BE MINISTER OF TRADE T.B. ILANGARATNE. HIS ACTUAL ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIMES ARE NOT YET DETERMINED; (B) DEPUTY HEAD AND SENIOR WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL: DR. J.B. KELEGAMA, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TRADE; (C) SENIOR DELEGATION MEMBER: LEELANANDA DE SILVA, SENIOR ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. REMAINDER OF DELEGATION IS NOT DETERMINED, BUT WILL INCLUDE OTHER OFFICIALS FROM TRADE, PLANNING AND FINANCE MINISTRIES, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF GSL MISSION IN GENEVA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 5, REF (B), MAKEUP OF UNCTAD IV DELEGATION CONFIRMS OUR STRONG IMPRESSION FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH GSL

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OFFICIALS DIRECTLY CONCERNED THAT (A) GSL

APPROACH TO UNCTAD IS MODERATE AND PRAGMATIC AND
(B) GSL EXPECTS LITTLE OF IMMEDIATE DIRECT BENEFIT
TO RESULT FROM CURRENT SERIES OF UNCTAD MEETINGS.
EXCEPT FOR ILANGARATNE, WHO IS SENIOR AND HIGHLY
INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE'S
SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY, DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE
EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PARTICIPANTS IN MULTI-
LATERAL ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS AND MEETINGS. BOTH
DELEGAMA AND DE SILVA ARE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH
GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND WITH MATTERS
OF DIRECT CONCERN TO SRI LANKA'S MSA ECONOMY.

3. GSL DELEGATION WILL BE INTERESTED IN SUBSTANCE OF
UNCTAD IV DISCUSSIONS BUT WILL ALSO BE ACUTELY AWARE
OF SPECIFIC RESULTS AND ATMOSPHERE SINCE IT WILL BE
LAST HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE INVOLVING MOST LDC'S BEFORE
AUGUST NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO. GSL SEES ROLE
OF NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES AS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT
BOTH BECAUSE OF SRI LANKA'S DESIRE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ITS
OWN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND BECAUSE IT PERCEIVES PROGMATIC
APPROACH TO ECONOMIC ISSUES AS HAVING MODERATING INFLUENCE ON
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

4. GIVEN GSL'S GENERALLY MODERATE APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ROLE AS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT HOST, WE
STONGLY RECOMMEND THAT USG DELEGATION GIVE AS MUCH
TIME AS POSSIBLE TO MINISTER ILANGARATNE AND HIS
DELEGATION WITH SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO THEIR VIEWS
ON SUBSTANTIVE UNCTAD IV ISSUES AND ON IMPORTANCE OF
THOSE ISSUES AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. WE WILL
REPORT AGAIN AS SOON AS ILANGARATNE'S TRAVEL PLANS
AND COMPLETE DELEGATION LIST BECOME AVAILABLE.

5. I MAY BE WORTH REMINDING DEPARTMENT THAT LEELANANDA DE
SILVA, (PARA 1 (C) ABOVE) IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATE
COMMITTEE AND CHIEF DRAFTING OFFICER WITHIN THE GSL FOR ALL
ECONOMIC MATTERS RELATING TO THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN
COLOMB IN AUGUST. HE HAS TOLD US HE EXPECTS TO GO ON FROM
UNCTAD TO THE PRELIMINARY FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF
THE NONALIGNED IN ALGIERS, NOW TENTATIVELY SET FOR MAY 28
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